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## TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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January 29, 1996

Lt. Colonel Dean Schmelling  
~~Department of the Army~~  
Camp Stanley Storage Activity, RRAD  
25800 Ralph Fair Rd.  
Boerne, Texas 78015-4800

Re: ~~U.S. Army~~ - Camp Stanley Storage Activity  
25800 Ralph Fair Rd, Boerne, TX  
~~TNRCC Solid Waste Registration No. 69026~~, EPA ID No. TX2210020739  
"B-20 Open Burning/Open Detonation Area" - a Hazardous Waste Management Unit  
Interim Approval to Begin "Blow-In-Place" Destruction of Unexploded Ordnance

Dear Colonel Schmelling:

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) received your telephone request to begin "blow-in-place" destruction of unexploded ordnance at the referenced facility. It is understood that this is a preliminary part of the closure of the B-20 Open Burning/Open Detonation Area. It is also understood that blow-in-place must be completed first because unexploded ordnance poses a greater threat to human health and the environment than any other closure related task. The U.S. Army 137th Explosive Ordnance Detachment of Fort Sam Houston (San Antonio) believes blow-in-place to be the safest technique for eliminating this ordnance.

The TNRCC hereby approves on an interim basis the blow-in-place destruction of ordnance in accordance with the amended closure plan dated December 1995. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Luis Campos of the Closure Team in Austin at (512)239-2369, Mail Code MC-127.

Sincerely,

*Paul S. Lewis*  
Paul S. Lewis, Manager  
Corrective Action Section  
Industrial and Hazardous Waste Division

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cc: TNRCC Region 13 Office, San Antonio, TX